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SUBJ: LAW OF THE SEA; DISCUSSION WITH PRIME MINISTER GANDHI

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1. AT A SMALL DINNER GIVEN BY PRIME MINISTER GANDHI APRIL 27 THE AMBASSADOR DISCUSSED WITH HER THE LAW OF THE SEA NEGOTIATIONS ALONG THE LINES OF REFTEL. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING AGREEMENT SOON ON THIS CRITICALLY IMPORTANT MATTER. HE MENTIONED THE OBSTACLE PRESENTED BY ENDLESS DISCUSSION AND TOLD MRS GANDHI OF OUR HOPE THAT A NEW ROUND OF TALKS COULD BEGIN IN JULY AND COMPLETE SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS. THE PRIME MINISTER OFFERED NO COMMENT BUT HEALTH MINISTER KARAN SINGH, WHO WAS ALSO PRESENT, CONCURRED OF THE IMPORTANCE OF REACHING EARLY AGREEMENT, EMPHASIZING PROBLEMS OF POLLUTION.

2. THE PRIME MINISTER'S DINNER WAS SMALL AND COMPRISED GUESTS CLOSE TO HER HOUSEHOLD (SANJAY AND RAJIV GANDHI AND WIVES, MOHAMMED YUNUS, P.N. DHAR, PLUS KARAN SINGH AND THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND SOME SIX CHIEFS OF DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS INCLUDING THOSE FROM POLAND, KENYA AND GHANA).

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3. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE, THIS IS THE FIRST SOCIAL OCCASION
INVOLVING FOREIGN AMBASSADORS WHICH SANJAY GANDHI HAS
ATTENDED.
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